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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to RCE received on Sep. 21, 2004.

Election/Restrictions

2. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C.

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- I. Claims 1-41, drawn to mixing media streams in a multipoint processing system, classified in class 709, subclass 204.
- II. Claim 42-54, drawn to video and audio streaming onto a multicast bridging terminal, classified in class 709, subclass 231.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I and II are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention II has separate utility such as streaming audio and video onto a multicast bridging terminal. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

3. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).
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period for response will cause the application to become abandoned (35 USC 133). Extension of time may be obtained under provision of 37 CFR 1.136(A).


5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hussein A El-chanti whose telephone number is (571)272-3999. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (571)272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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